

CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HISTORICAL HOLDER REGISTER

Manor:

Woodhay or West Woodhay

Location:

West Woodhay, Berkshire

Recorded historical holders:

17

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SUCCESSION AT A GLANCE

Earliest recorded holder to present. Relationship descriptions are reproduced from saved published paths; categories are not evidence ratings.

1. Sewal de Oseville of the Earl of Hereford as of the honour of Plessey

Transfer: Recorded holder

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

2. the Crown at the accession of Henry IV

Transfer: Passed

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

3. John son of Roger | 1204

Transfer: Grant

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

4. Aumary de St. Amand | 1256

Transfer: Passed

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

5. Sir Robert Shottesbrook | 1433

Transfer: Conveyance

Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

- 6. Sir Robert Chency**
Transfer: Recorded holder
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded
- 7. Sir Roger's son John Chency | 1503**
Transfer: Passed
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded
- 8. John | 1512**
Transfer: Passed
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded
- 9. Dorothy**
Transfer: Settlement
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded
- 10. Thomas Cheney in return for an annuity of £120**
Transfer: Conveyance
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded
- 11. Thomas**
Transfer: Passed
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded
- 12. John Darrell | 1591**
Transfer: Devise
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded
- 13. Sir Benjamin Rudyerd and his son William | 1634**
Transfer: Sale
Holding: Joint
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded
- 14. William | 1658**
Transfer: Succession
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded
- 15. William Sloper**
Transfer: Sale
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded
- 16. the Rev. John Sloper | 1821**
Transfer: Passed
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded
- 17. William Henry Cole | 1880**
Transfer: Sale
Relationship to present holder: Not recorded

DETAILED CONVEYANCE & DESCENT

HOLDER 1

Dates not recorded

Sewal de Oseville of the Earl of Hereford as of the honour of Plessey

Transfer:

Recorded holder

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Overlordship: No manor of this name is mentioned in the Domesday Survey, but in the 13th century it was held by Sewal de Oseville of the Earl of Hereford as of the honour of Plessey, and the overlordship afterwards followed the descent of that earldom until both passed to the Crown at the accession of Henry IV.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 2

Dates not recorded

the Crown at the accession of Henry IV

Transfer:

Passed

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Overlordship: No manor of this name is mentioned in the Domesday Survey, but in the 13th century it was held by Sewal de Oseville of the Earl of Hereford as of the honour of Plessey, and the overlordship afterwards followed the descent of that earldom until both passed to the Crown at the accession of Henry IV.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 3

1204

John son of Roger

Transfer:

Grant

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: In 1204 Sewal de Oseville granted a virgate and 2 acres of land with appurtenances here to John son of Roger.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 4

1256

Aumary de St. Amand

Transfer:

Passed

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: The manor was called 'Woodhaye Oseville' in 1221, and in 1227 when it was disafforested by grant from Henry III, and Sewal was holding it later in the 13th century, but by 1256 it had passed to Aumary de St. Amand, who then obtained a quitclaim of their rights in it from Mabel the wife of Thomas de Kedesovere and Thomas Hemming, apparently the co-heirs of Sewal.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 5

1433

Sir Robert Shottesbrook

Woodhay or West Woodhay

Transfer:

Conveyance

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: It subsequently followed the descent of East Ilsley (q.v.) until 1433, when Elizabeth the wife of William Beauchamp and great-granddaughter of the last Aumary de St. Amand quitclaimed her right in it to Sir Robert Shottesbrook, who had apparently been holding it since the death of Eleanor St. Amand in 1426.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 6**Dates not recorded****Sir Robert Chency****Transfer:**

Recorded holder

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: Sir Robert Chency died seised of the manor on 6 August 1503, and, as he had no sons and Sir Roger Cheney was already dead, the estate should have passed to Sir Roger's son John Chency, but Francis took possession of the profits and brought an action against Margaret, Sir Robert's widow, for detention of deeds relating to this manor.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 7**1503****Sir Roger's son John Chency****Transfer:**

Passed

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: Sir Robert Chency died seised of the manor on 6 August 1503, and, as he had no sons and Sir Roger Cheney was already dead, the estate should have passed to Sir Roger's son John Chency, but Francis took possession of the profits and brought an action against Margaret, Sir Robert's widow, for

detention of deeds relating to this manor.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 8

1512

John

Transfer:

Passed

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: Sir Francis died childless in 1512 seised of the estate, which passed to John, his cousin, who had livery of this manor in 1515, settled it on the marriage of his son John with Dorothy daughter of John Yate of Charney in 1531 and died seised of it in 1545.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 9

Dates not recorded

Dorothy

Transfer:

Settlement

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: John settled this manor on his wife Dorothy in 1559 and died seised of it in 1567, when his heir was his son Thomas.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 10

Dates not recorded

Thomas Cheney in return for an annuity of £120

Transfer:

Conveyance

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: It seems probable that his widow was married again almost immediately to one William Niell or Personnes, for in that autumn William with his wife Dorothy quitclaimed her right in the manor to Thomas Cheney in return for an annuity of £120.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 11

Dates not recorded

Thomas

Transfer:

Passed

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: The reversion of this manor passed to his brother Thomas, who left it at his death in 1591 to his son John Darrell.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 12

1591

John Darrell

Transfer:

Devise

Woodhay or West Woodhay

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: The reversion of this manor passed to his brother Thomas, who left it at his death in 1591 to his son John Darrell.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 13

1634

Sir Benjamin Rudyerd and his son William

Transfer:

Sale

Holding arrangement:

joint

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: John Darrell was created a baronet on 7 June 1622 and with Anne his wife sold this manor in 1634 to Sir Benjamin Rudyerd and his son William.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 14

1658

William

Transfer:

Succession

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: He died here in 1658, and was succeeded by his son William, who married Sarah daughter and co-heir of Sir Stephen Harvey of Northampton.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 15

Dates not recorded

William Sloper

Transfer:

Sale

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: He seems to have sold the manor a few years later to William Sloper, who was holding it in 1714.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 16

1821

the Rev. John Sloper

Transfer:

Passed

Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: He was still living in 1821, but seems to have died not long afterwards, and the manor passed to his son the Rev. John Sloper, curate of this parish from 1823 to 1850 and afterwards rector.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.

HOLDER 17

1880

William Henry Cole

Transfer:

Sale

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Holding arrangement:

sole

Narrative / explanation:

Lordship: His will, dated 10 February 1876, states that the manor must pass under the will of Sir Robert to his son Gerard Orby Sloper, and it was sold by Gerard in 1880 to William Henry Cole.

Relationship to present holder

No published relationship path recorded.